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Inventor: Armando Montalvo

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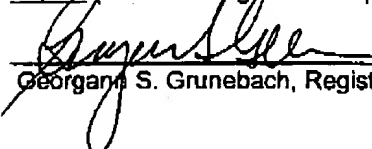
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Date: April 11, 2006

Armando Montalvo

Serial No.: 09/608,609

Group Art Unit: 2131

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Examiner: Arezoo Sherkat

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
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Mail Stop AF  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed February 15, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1 - 10.

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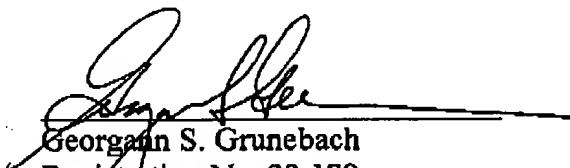
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This application is on behalf of other than a small entity.

The fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$500.00, and any additional fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. This request is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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